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Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional
Local Human Rights Committee
April 15, 2014
Betty Whitehead Conference Room – Danville/Pittsylvania Community Services Board

Note: These minutes are subject to approval by the LHRC at its next meeting. Should revisions be made, they will be included as an item in the minutes of that meeting.

LHRC Members in Attendance: Greg Casker; Lesa Shelton; Esther Goins; Jeff Rodden

LHRC Members Not in Attendance: Beverly Scruggs

SVMHI and DPCR LHRC Human Rights Advocate: Mandy Crowder

Human Rights Regional Advocate: Beverly Garnes

Affiliates Not In Attendance: A New Inspiration; Caring Hearts Counseling, Inc; Children and Family Community Development; Crossroads Treatment Center; HOPE Family Services; Joshua Home; The Linke; Turning Point Family Services

Minutes Recorder: Jerri Lynn Phillips, SVMHI

DPCR LHRC Minutes and Meeting Schedule: The DPCR Local Human Rights committee (LHRC) minutes and meeting schedule can be located on the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute's Web Page @ www.svmhi.dbhds.virginia.gov under the heading of Individual Advocacy.

Welcome/Call to Order: Greg Casker, Chair, called the Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional Local Human Rights Committee meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from July 2013, October 2013, and February 2014 were approved.

Public Comment: Opportunity was given for public comment. No commentary occurred.

Old Business:

- The past three LHRC meetings have lacked a quorum to approve minutes and affiliate requests.
- LHRC unfilled positions: There are two consumer slots that need to be filled. It is the responsibility of the affiliates to recommend possible members to fill these slots. If they are not filled, we may lose the local committee and have to meet in another area such as Lynchburg. Contact a committee member or the Advocate if you have possible candidates.

Advocate's Report:

- Quarterly Reports: The new quarterly form needs to be used by everyone by the next meeting. Contact Mandy if you have questions.
- Clerical Support: The Advocate is not solely responsible for all of the clerical work involved in preparing for the meetings. Affiliates are also responsible for cost of materials. After much discussion, a decision was made to form a sub-committee to investigate ways to streamline dissemination of the information. Allen Thorn and Monica Karavanic will head the committee. The SVMHI website also needs to be updated. Affiliates are asked to make sure Mandy has all email addresses.
- Cooperative Agreement: The agreement is currently being reviewed and revised. A reminder was made again that **affiliates must be present for the 4 meetings**. Affiliates must let the committee know if they are going to be absent. A letter may be sent to the office of licensing for failure to attend. Two things are required in the Cooperative Agreement – **Attendance and Reports**. Affiliates must communicate with Greg Casker, LHRC Chairperson, P.O. Box 1095,

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Chatham, VA 24531. Email gregcasker@yahoo.com. Please copy information to Mandy Crowder. A letter will be sent to all affiliates with this information.

- **Affiliation Requests:**

- Life Support Mental Health Community Support Services, Piney Forest Road, Danville requested to add Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services. They serve individuals 18 and older in a non-residential setting. The committee approved the addition.
- A Better Tomorrow Support Services, LLC Woodside Drive, Danville, VA requested approval for a new service – Mental Health Skill Building Services serving ages 21 and over. Approved.
- The Right Choice – New Provider, Intensive In-Home Services, Franklin Turnpike, Danville. They have been in operation for 13 years in NC providing community support, psychosocial rehabilitation. Approved.
- New Heights Community Support – New Provider, Mental Health Skills Building Services, 407 East Church Street, Martinsville, VA serving ages 18 and older; community based; assessments are completed in homes.
- The following affiliates had presented requests in previous meetings. Although there were no quorums in those meetings, Greg Casker heard the requests and recommended to the LHRC approval of those affiliates listed below:
 - Joshua Homes – New site -243 Grove Park Circle, Danville, VA
 - Epic Health Partners, LLC – New Provider, Mental Health Skills Building Services, Chatham, VA
 - PreSErve, Inc., Services – New Provider, Day Support Services, Danville, VA
 - Community Helps Network- New Provider, Intensive In-Home, Danville, VA
- Diverse Family Services – 300 Ringgold Industrial Parkway, Danville, requested to add at-home services to include children and adults.

Affiliate Reports:

- **Alliant:** 44 individuals were served. No reports of abuse; 1 Human Rights complaint resulting in an employee being dismissed.
- **All Care:** 85 individuals served – No allegations of abuse; 1 Human Rights issue regarding scheduling which was handled internally – individual was satisfied.
- **Danville CSB – BH, ID:** 2766 individuals served this quarter. There were 3 dignity complaints which were founded resulting in disciplinary action for the employee; There were 3 abuse allegations.
- **Danville Regional Medical Center** – Served 108 individuals; no allegations.
- **Diverse Family Services:** Served 12 individuals – No allegations.
- **Doss Estates, Inc.:** 7 individuals served with no complaints.
- **Family Preservation Services:** 194 individuals – No complaints.
- **Hughes Center for Exceptional Children:** - 61 residents and 11 day schoolers; there were 81 allegations of abuse of which 78 were altercations. 1 founded neglect complaint involving a new employee; 2 physical abuse allegations – 1 was unfounded and 1 was founded – employee was terminated; 2 sexual misconduct instances between individuals – individuals moved to different cottages; 1 external complaint is pending.
- **Interventions of Virginia:** No allegations
- **Kingdom Dominion, LLC:** Serve afterschool children and group home for adults – no incidents to report.

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- **Life Support Services:** 53 individuals served – No reports.
- **M.T. Sorrell Home** – residential home for I.D. serving 9 residents this quarter with no incidents.
- **Negril** – 2 group homes and in-service home care served 49 – no allegations.
 - **Day Academy** serves 38 individuals – no allegations – 3 peer-to-peer resulted in increased staffing.
 - **Day Support** served 42 this quarter – no incidents
- **New Hope Support Services, LLC:** 230 served in Danville and the surrounding areas with no allegations.
- **Oasis Support Services:** No reports or allegations
- **Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute:** 213 individuals served; 20 allegations of abuse; 18 peer-to-peer incidents resulted in 1 restraint – staff were retrained. 10 complaints (5 informal and 5 formal). 2 violations resulted in departmental training and 1 change in medication.
- **Support Services of Virginia** – 19 individuals served this quarter; 2 allegations of neglect were founded (dietary guidelines) – employee resigned.
- **Therapeutic Interventions, Inc:** - no allegations
- **Virginia Health Partners:** 40 individuals; no abuse, etc.

Next Scheduled Meeting: July 15, 2014 – DPCS, 245 Hairston Street, Danville, VA 5:30 PM

Adjourned: 7:15 PM

Closed Session: